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SUMMARY: EMBOFF MET WITH ZANU SEC GEN TEKERE FOR HOUR
AND HALF JUNE 14, AT LATTER'S REQUEST, TO HEAR "IN-
FORMAL" MESSAGE ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA. MEETING SOUGHT IN CARIO SINCE CONTACT ELSEWHERE
MIGHT DRAW TOO MUCH ATTENTION AND BE MISUNDERSTOOD.
ZANU LIKELY SEEK FURTHER TALKS IN MAPUTO ALTHOUGH TIMING
UNCERTAIN. ORGANIZATION WANTS LEARN "LATEST U.S. THINK-
ING." TEKERE APPREHENSIVE US/UK CONTEMPLATING
GIVING INTERNAL SETTLEMENT "A CHANCE." IMPLIED NEW
OFFENSIVE SHORTLY. DENIED CUBANS TRAINING ZANU TROOPS;
RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS STRAINED. TENSIONS WITHIN
ZANU ADMITTED. END SUMMARY.
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1. AT REQUEST ZANU CAIRO REPRESENTATIVE MOMBESHORA
EMBOFF MET FOR HOUR AND HALF JUNE 14 WITH PARTY'S SEC-
RETARY GENERAL TEKERE. ACCORDING TEKERE, CONVERSATION
WITH USG CONDUCTED IN CAIRO BECAUSE CONTACTS WOULD
DRAW TOO MUCH ATTENTION IN MAPUTO AND WOULD BE SUBJECT
TO "MISINTERPRETATION." MUGABE HAD AUTHORIZED TEKERE

AND MOMBESHORA TO MEET WITH USG OFFICIALS TO ASCERTAIN LATEST U.S. THINKING ON ZIMBABWE AND TEKERE HOPED HAVE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR DE PREE IN MAPUTO, ALTHOUGH TIMING UNCERTAIN. SAID USG SHOULD TALK INITIATIVE IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT, WHICH WOULD BE "EXTREMELY SENSITIVE."

2. TEKERE OPENED WITH "INFORMAL" MESSAGE TO USG ON ZANU "APPREHENSIONS" OVER CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. ZANU FEARED GRAHAM/LOW MISSION INDICATES US/UK CONTEMPLATING GIVING INTERNAL SETTLEMENT "A CHANCE." TEKERE SAID ZANU WOULD NEVER RECOGNIZE SALISBURY REGIME "AS IT NOW EXISTS." ZANU PREPARED TO GO ON FIGHTING; PREPARATIONS FOR RENEWED COMBAT UNDER WAY. IMPLICATION WAS THIS WOULD COME SOON.

3. HOWEVER, SAID TEKERE, ZANU DOES NOT WISH MAKE MORE ENEMIES THAN NECESSARY. ZANU GOAL ESTABLISH "SOCIALIST STATE" IN ZIMBABWE SHOULD NOT ANTAGONIZE USG. TEKERE "IMPRESSION" IS THAT U.S. TAKING LONGER VIEW THAN BRITISH ON ZIMBABWE: U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS FOCUS ON TRUE INDEPENDENCE FOR STATE WHILE BRITISH MORE INTERESTED IN PREVENTING EXPULSION OF THEIR NATIONALS FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE. "FOLLOWING VICTORY," ZIMBABWE WILL NEED MODERN TECHNOLOGY, WHICH NOT IDEOLOGICAL AND WILL SEEK THIS FROM ANY NATION
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WILLING TO REFRAIN FROM INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

4. TEKERE ARRIVED IN CAIRO FROM BUCHAREST WHERE HE MET PRESIDENT MUGABE (RETURNING FROM NORTH KOREA, CHINA AND VIETNAM). NOTED THAT, AT PRESENT, MOST IMPORTANT STATES FOR ZANU ARE YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA AND CHINA: "WHEN THEY SAY SOMETHING, WE TAKE NOTE." ZANU RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION STRAINED, AS ZANU WILL NOT TOLERATE PRESENCE OF FOREIGNERS ON ZIMBABWE SOIL: "WE WILL BE OUR OWN LIBERATORS." AT FIRST, TEKERE STRONGLY DENIED ZANU CONTACT WITH CUBANS. (THIS LATER QUALIFIED: THERE "SOME CONTACT", BUT INSIGNIFICANT. STRESSED CUBANS PROVIDING NO RPT NO TRAINING.) ZANU WOULD NOT EXCLUDE COOPERATION WITH CUBANS IF CUBA REFRAINS FROM INTERFERING WITH ZANU'S INDEPENDENCE AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS. TEKERE CLAIMED HIS ORGANIZATION OBJECTED TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S RECENT THREAT BRING IN CUBANS AND RUSSIANS IF ANGLO-AMERICAN EFFORTS DO NOT SUCCEED QUICKLY. ZANU REGARDS ANGOLA AND HORN AS "TOO PHYSICALLY INTERNATIONALIZED" AND SAID ZANU PLANS AVOID MAKING SAME

MISTAKE.

5. EMBOFF PROMISED TRANSMIT ABOVE TO DEPARTMENT.
IN LIEU OF SPECIFIC INFO RE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS,
EMBASSY UNABLE EVALUATE HOW MUCH VALUE, IF ANY,
FOREGOING MAY BE TO DEPARTMENT OR INFO ADDRESSEES.
MUCH OF TEKERE'S MONOLOGUE SEEMS SELF-SERVING AND
DESIGNED FOR U.S. CONSUMPTION. EILTS

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